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Bryanna Wallace & Autumn Gupta, that will be used as the basis for gatherings and discussion starting June 8th on ways to become a more informed and active ally of the black community. See **Conferences, Seminars & Events** below.

Please send any news items to Yancey Crawford
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Funding Opportunities



Aligning Systems for Health Releases Call for Rapid COVID-19 Proposals

The Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC) leads the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF's) national initiative, [Aligning Systems for Health: Health Care + Public Health + Social Services](#). The initiative focuses on learning about effective ways to align health care, public health, and social services, to better address people's and communities' goals and needs. The GHPC is **releasing its second call for rapid-cycle research and evaluation projects that examine cross-sector alignment efforts already underway**. GHPC is interested in early observations and research questions that relate to cross-sector alignment, the COVID-19 response, equity, and underserved populations. GHPC will fund six rapid-cycle projects with a total value of \$300,000. For details, [click here](#).

Deadline: Rolling



Research Grant Opportunities Now Open at the Spencer Foundation

- **Education Research Grants:** Proposals may address a wide range of topics and disciplines that creatively investigate questions central to **education**, including education, anthropology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, law, economics, history, and neuroscience. Projects that consider the trajectories, implications, and potential impacts of their findings, including how the knowledge may be shared and utilized across the field, in practice, in policy making, or with the broader public, are encouraged. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: June 18, 2020 (Letter of Intent)**

- **Small Research Grants Program:** This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location. Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to academically rigorous, intellectually ambitious, technically sound research projects that are relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. [Click here](#) for details. **Deadline: July 1, 2020**



Upcoming Funding Opportunities related to COVID-19

NIH has posted notices announcing that it will soon publish two new COVID-19 funding opportunities related to: **1) health disparities and vulnerable populations; and 2) secondary health effects related to social, behavioral and economic impacts of COVID-19.** Click below to view the notices.

- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-md-20-023.html>
- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-mh-20-058.html>

Deadline: July 22, 2020 (estimated first due date)



Now Accepting Applications for Research and Journalism Grants

The National Institute for Healthcare Management Foundation (NIHCM) is **seeking projects to advance the existing knowledge base in the areas of health care financing, delivery, management and/or policy** and have strong potential to yield insights that can be used to have a positive impact on the U.S. health care system by improving efficiency, quality, access to care, preparedness or equity. Studies involving direct patient care or clinical, bench science research are not relevant for this solicitation. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: June 29, 2020 (Letter of Intent)



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2021 Young Scholars Program

The Foundation for Child Development is accepting LOIs for its 2021 Young Scholars Program, which funds **implementation research that is policy and practice-relevant and examines the preparation, competency, compensation, well-being, and ongoing professional learning of the early care and education (ECE) workforce.** Award amounts are up to \$225,000 for primary research and up to \$180,000 for secondary data analysis. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: June 30, 2020 (Letters of Intent)



**Agency for Healthcare
Research and Quality**

Small Research Grant Program Now Open

AHRQ supports different types of health services research projects, including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. **Rural and frontier areas are considered a priority population.** [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: July 5, 2020

Interdisciplinary Seed Funding RFP

The Global Change Center, with funding from the Fralin Life Sciences Institute and the Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment, is accepting proposals to support interdisciplinary research that will lead to collaborative proposals submitted to extramural funding sources. **There are two funding opportunities described in the RFP, including one that focuses on emerging social aspects of global change.** Interested researchers should submit a notification of intent by August 25th to [Jessica Coker](#). [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: August 25, 2020 (Notice of Intent); September 15, 2020 (Proposal)



Considering a Fulbright?

The 2021-2022 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program competition is open. **There are over 450 unique award opportunities available for scholars, artists, and professionals in over 135 countries.** A complete list of opportunities can be found in the [Catalog of Awards](#).

Deadline: September 15, 2020



Residencies Focused on Political Mobilizations & Social Movements

Each year, the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ, invites 25 scholars to be in residence for the academic year and pursue their own research. The 2021-22 theme is "Political Mobilizations and

Social Movements.” **Applications are strongly encouraged from scholars across the social sciences, whether or not their research corresponds to the theme.** Funding for member stipends is individually negotiated. [Click here](#) for details.

Deadline: November 1, 2020

Previously Posted Opportunities

- **Open Technology Fund** - [Core Internet Infrastructure Projects](#) and [Internet Freedom Fund](#)
Deadline: July 1, 2020
- **National Science Foundation** - [Coastlines and People](#)
Deadline: August 10, 2020 (Required LOI)

Conferences, Seminars and Events



"Justice in June" Events and Activities

The **Graduate School** invites everyone to participate in the "**Justice in June**" project organized by the Academy for GTA Excellence (VT_GrATE). *Justice in June* is a [resource compilation](#) curated by Bryanna Wallace & Autumn Gupta that will be used as the basis for gatherings and discussion starting June 8th on ways to become a more informed and active ally of the black community. Also, join VT_GrATE on [Mondays at 3 p.m.](#), [Wednesdays at 12 p.m.](#), and [Fridays at 10 a.m.](#) to engage with other colleagues at Virginia Tech. [Click here](#) for more details.

Announcements and Faculty News



Call for Covid-19 Commentaries

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, **Chinese Public Administration Review (CPAR) is calling for contributions to a special issue featuring COVID-19 commentaries from scholars and practitioners throughout the world.**

CPAR is the first international journal specifically addressing the issues of Chinese, East Asian, and comparative public administration. CPAR expects the December 2020 issue will be devoted to COVID-19 scholarship. Submissions are encouraged on a priority review basis beginning now and through the summer. [Click here](#) for details.



Resources for COVID-19 Research

The National Institute on Aging has been working to facilitate the sharing of COVID-19-specific questionnaires, modules, and scales with the research community to encourage harmonization and discourage the development of one-off survey instruments through two websites: [NLM \(DR2\)](#) and [PhenX Toolkit](#). There are more than 60 different survey tools available organized by main topics.

Extramural investigators are invited (1) to use these sites to identify existing tools when considering adding COVID-19-specific items to an ongoing study rather than developing something new; and (2) **to use the [new intake form](#) to submit for consideration a unique COVID-19-specific instrument you have already developed** that you are willing to share publicly for use by other researchers.



ISCE Scholars focus on timely societal issues

Four projects that focus on significant issues facing the world today have been selected to receive funding from the Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment (ISCE) through its signature Scholars program. [Read more...](#)

COVID-19 Can Last for Several Months

Ashley Shew, assistant professor of Science, Technology and Society who studies the intersection of technology and disability, comments on how as the pandemic progresses, the number of people with medium-to-long-term disabilities will increase.

[Read more...](#)



Public health isn't the enemy of economic well-being

Melanie A. Kiechle, associate professor of History, writes in a *Washington Post* article about how 19th century reformers showed that only a healthy workforce can fuel economic prosperity. [Read more...](#)

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